Children's programme on Doordarshan

*240. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to allot prime time to children's programmes on Doordarshan;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) to (c) Programmes of specific interest to children are already telecast at a suitable time.

Production of data communication equipwent

*1841. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:
SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pased to state:

(a) whether data communication uipment is being manufactured in country;

b) if so, what has been the pro. tion in each of the last three years e 1983-84 and the expected pro- tion or targets for the year 1989-

c) what would be the expected duction or targets for production modems; multiplexers, data com- ication switching equipment and r data equipment in the year -90;

) what would be the expected orts or targets for imports of of these equipments in 1989-90.

(e) what has been the number of data terminals on telephone network and leased lines and also the number of dedicated lines of datacom in the country in each of the three years since 1983-84 and that is expected in 1989-90?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) to (d) Production of data-communication equipment is in the infant stage in the country. Data communication applications have been picking up in the last couple of years, leading to a steadily growing demand for data-communication equipment. To meet the requirement of this relatively new but growing market, a number of units in public, private and small scale sector have been licensed for manufacture of data communication equipment during the last two years. As such, production of these equipment in the country is just beginning to commence. More than 40 units have been licensed up till now for production of a variety of data-communication equipment.

Production of modems, concentrators, message switching systems and teleprinters have already commenced. Manufacture of messaging terminals, multiplexers, teletext decoders and LAN controllers are expected to commence in the near future. At least six units (two in the Organised Sector and four in the Small Scale Sector) are producing modems, two units are producing concentrators and three units have already supplied message switching systems.

The 7th Plan Working Group had estimated the following demand for

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